

ALARACT 163/2006 HEARING READINESS (HR) MODULE IN MEDPROS, DTG 060144Z SEP 06. The purpose of this message is to announce the Hearing Readiness (HR) classification module in MEDPROS. This module will provide commanders an automated tool to track and monitor individual and unit HR status. The Defense Occupational Environmental Health Readiness System for Hearing Conservation (DOEHRS-HC) will be used to conduct the hearing test. A one-year phase-in period from the date of this message is in effect. HR data will be recorded in MEDPROS effective immediately but will not be reported until the end of the phase-in period. During the phase-in period, all deploying Soldiers (compo 1, 2 and 3) must complete HR requirements and have it recorded in MEDPROS. This message requires the immediate attention of Medical Stations of Power Projection Platforms, Power Support Platforms, and Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) sites.

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1. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE HEARING READINESS (HR) CLASSIFICATION MODULE IN MEDPROS. THIS MODULE WILL PROVIDE COMMANDERS AN AUTOMATED TOOL TO TRACK AND MONITOR INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT HR STATUS. THE DEFENSE OCCUPATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH READINESS SYSTEM FOR HEARING CONSERVATION (DOEHRS-HC) WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT THE HEARING TEST. THE DOEHRS-HC AUDIOGRAM (VALID DD FORM 2215, BASELINE AUDIOGRAM, OR DD FORM 2216, PERIODIC AUDIOGRAM, WITHIN 12 MONTHS) WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE THE HR STATUS IN MEDPROS. HR CATEGORIES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1.A. CLASS 1: SOLDIER HAS CURRENT DOEHRS-HC AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS: UNAIDED HEARING IS WITHIN H-1 STANDARDS FOR BOTH EARS (IAW AR 40-501). NO CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED.

1.B. CLASS 2: SOLDIER HAS CURRENT DOEHRS-HC AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS: UNAIDED HEARING IS WITHIN H-2 OR H-3 STANDARDS. SOLDIER HAS A CURRENT DA 3349 PROFILE ASSIGNED (H-2 OR H-3) AND A COMPLETED MOS/MEDICAL RETENTION BOARD (MMRB) (H-3) WITH NO ACTIVE MIDDLE EAR DISEASE OR MEDICAL PATHOLOGY IN THE EAR. SOLDIER HAS HEARING AIDS (IF REQUIRED). NO CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED.

1.C. CLASS 3: SOLDIER HAS CURRENT DOEHRS-HC AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12

MONTHS: UNAIDED HEARING IS WITHIN H-2 OR H-3 STANDARDS BUT THE SOLDIER REQUIRES AUDIOLOGICAL EVALUATION TO DETERMINE AND DOCUMENT HEARING PROFILE ON DA3349. SPEECH RECOGNITION IN NOISE TEST (SPRINT) AND MMRB REQUIRED FOR H-3 HEARING LOSS.

1.D. CLASS 4: SOLDIER DOES NOT HAVE A DOEHS-HC AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS OR SOLDIER HAS A CURRENT DD2216 AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS, HOWEVER, SOLDIER REQUIRES FOLLOW-UP TEST TO RULE OUT OR CONFIRM SIGNIFICANT THRESHOLD SHIFT (STS). THIS INCLUDES SOLDIERS WITHOUT A BASELINE AUDIOGRAM, DD2215. HEARING READINESS CLASSIFICATION IS THEREFORE UNKNOWN.

1.E. SOLDIERS IN CLASS 1 AND 2 ARE FULLY MEDICALLY READY. SOLDIERS IN CLASS 3 AND 4 ARE NOT FULLY MEDICALLY READY AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL HEARING SERVICES REQUIRED BEFORE READINESS STATUS CAN BE DETERMINED.

2. (U) A ONE-YEAR PHASE-IN PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THIS MESSAGE IS IN EFFECT. HR DATA WILL BE RECORDED IN MEDPROS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY BUT WILL NOT BE REPORTED UNTIL THE END OF THE PHASE-IN PERIOD. DURING THE PHASE-IN PERIOD, ALL DEPLOYING SOLDIERS (COMPO 1, 2 AND 3) MUST COMPLETE HR REQUIREMENTS AND HAVE IT RECORDED IN MEDPROS.

3. (U) MORE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE HR TRACKING AND RECORDING IN MEDPROS CAN BE FOUND IN THE (HEARING READINESS CLASSIFICATION GUIDE) WITHIN THE HR MODULE OF MEDPROS.

4. (U) RESPONSIBILITY:

4.A. COMMANDERS WILL:

4.A.1. ENSURE THAT ALL SOLDIERS ROUTINELY EXPOSED TO HAZARDOUS NOISE RECEIVE AN ANNUAL AUDIOGRAM AND ALL SOLDIERS HAVE AN AUDIOGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH DA PAM 40-501 AND DA, ACOS, PERSONNEL (G-1), PERSONNEL POLICY GUIDANCE, CHAP 7 (26 AUG 06).

4.A.3. ASSIGN A UNIT MEDPROS USER TO OBTAIN DATA ENTRY ACCESS AND TRACK AND UPDATE SOLDIER HR STATUS.

4.B. UNIT MEDPROS USERS WILL:

4.B.1. OBTAIN MEDPROS DATA ENTRY ACCESS BY DOWNLOADING THE NISA-9R FORM AT URL: [HTTP://WWW.MODS.ARMY.MIL](http://www.mods.army.mil).

4.B.2. REVIEW AND UPDATE HR STATUS BASED ON DATA IN MEDPROS VALIDATED BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL (AUDIOLOGIST/HEARING TECHNICIAN/HEALTH CARE PROVIDER/PATIENT ADMINISTRATOR). SOLDIERS THAT EXCEED HR CLASS 2 REQUIRE ADDITIONAL AUDIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS PRIOR TO UPDATING READINESS STATUS IN MEDPROS. SOLDIERS IN CLASS 3 REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING: AUDIOLOGICAL EVALUATION AND DOCUMENTED PROFILE (DA 3349) FOR H-2 HEARING LOSS. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, H-3 HEARING LOSS REQUIRES SPRINT AND MMRB.

4.C. OIC, MEDICAL STATIONS OF POWER PROJECTION PLATFORMS (PPP) / POWER SUPPORT PLATFORMS (PSP) / SOLDIER READINESS PROCESS (SRP) SITES WILL:

4.C.1. WHILE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH SOLDIERS HR LIES WITH THE UNIT, THE MEDICAL SECTION AT THESE SITES MUST COMPLETE THIS REQUIREMENT WHEN SOLDIERS ARRIVE WITH AN INCOMPLETE HR STATUS.

4.C.2. UPDATE PPP / PSP / SRP STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP) TO INCLUDE VALIDATING SOLDIER HEARING READINESS PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT.

4.D. CHIEF, HEARING CONSERVATION/AUDIOLOGY WILL:

4.D.1. PROVIDE HEARING READINESS SUPPORT FOR UNIT AND/OR PPP/ PSP/ SRP PERSONNEL WHEN REQUESTED BY UNIT COMMANDERS OR PPP / PSP / SRP OIC.

4.D.2. DEVELOP A LOCAL SOP THAT ADDRESSES CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR ALL SOLDIERS IDENTIFIED AS HEARING READINESS CLASS 3 OR 4.

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6. (U) EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

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